

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A subcutaneous cavity marking device comprising:
at least two separately implantable bioabsorbable bodies adapted to be inserted into a subcutaneous cavity created by the removal of tissue, wherein the at least two separately implantable bioabsorbable bodies are non-radioactive; and
at least one detectable non-radioactive marker affixed to a surface of or disposed within at least one of the at least two separately implantable bioabsorbable bodies to mark a particular section or sections of said cavity.
2. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the at least one marker comprises a non-bioabsorbable material.
3. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 2 wherein the at least one marker comprises a material selected from the group consisting of platinum, iridium, nickel, tungsten, tantalum, gold, silver, rhodium, titanium, alloys thereof, and stainless steel.
4. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the at least one marker comprises a bioabsorbable material.
5. (Original) The device of claim 4 wherein the bioabsorbable material comprises a polymer having a radiopaque additive.
6. (Original) The device of claim 5 wherein the radiopaque additive is selected from the group consisting of barium-containing compounds, bismuth-containing compounds, powdered tantalum, powdered tungsten, barium carbonate, bismuth oxide, and barium sulfate.

7. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the at least one marker is radiopaque.
8. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1 wherein the at least two separately implantable bioabsorbable bodies are radiopaque.
9. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the at least one marker is echogenic.
10. (Previously presented) The device of claim 1 wherein the at least two separately implantable bioabsorbable bodies are echogenic.
11. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the at least one marker is mammographic.
12. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1 wherein the at least two separately implantable bioabsorbable bodies are mammographic.
13. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1 wherein the at least two separately implantable bioabsorbable bodies are palpable.
14. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1 wherein the at least one marker is located within at least one of the at least two separate bioabsorbable bodies.
15. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1 wherein the at least one marker is substantially located about at least one of the at least two separate bioabsorbable bodies.
16. (Original) The device of claim 1 additionally comprising a pain killing substance.
17. (Original) The device of claim 1 additionally comprising a hemostatic substance.

18. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1 wherein the at least two separately implantable bioabsorbable bodies comprise a material selected from the group consisting of collagen, regenerated cellulose, synthetic polymers, and synthetic proteins.
19. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1 wherein the at least one marker has a form of a sphere.
20. (Original) The device of claim 19 wherein the sphere is hollow.
21. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1 wherein the at least one marker has the form of a band.
22. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1 wherein the at least one marker comprises a suture.
23. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1 wherein the at least one marker comprises a wire.
24. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1 wherein the at least one marker has a distinguishing mark.
25. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1 wherein the at least one marker has the form of a barb.
26. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1 wherein the at least one marker is woven to the at least one of the at least two separate bioabsorbable bodies.
27. (canceled)